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OFFICE OF The Director of Archaeology, Mysore.

Date 28th August 1952

To

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Local Self-Government Department,
Public Offices, Bangalore.1.

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1) With reference to ~~x~~ Official Memorandum No.M.6021-120 G.M.21-52-1 dated 3rd July 1952, I am submitting herewith in triplicate, the report on the working of the Mysore Archaeological Department for the year ending 31st March 1952.

Yours faithfully,

(K. Narayana Iyengar)
Ag. Director of Archaeology. 28/8/52

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2) A copy of this Administration Report has been sent separately to the Administration Report Sn - of this P.S.O for necessary action.

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REPORT ON THE WORKING OFTHE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY, MYSORE, for 1951-52.

I. Personnel.

Sri K.Narayana Iyengar, M.A., Acting Assistant to the Director of Archaeology and in-charge Director of Archaeology was appointed to act as Director of Archaeology in Mysore with effect from 22-11-1950 vice Sri L.Narasimhachar, M.A., Acting Director of Archaeology, who was granted combined leave with effect from 22-11-1950. Sri S. Srinivasachar, M.A., B.T., the Technical Assistant of the Department who was appointed as the Research Assistant in the Research and Reference Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India and was permitted to retain his lien in this Department for a period of one year with effect from 13th November 1950 (afternoon) in accordance with G.O.No.E.10,182-83/Archy.3-50-4 dated 27th December 1950 has informed that he does not propose to seek an extension of his lien. Arrangements will have to be made to fill up the vacancy as per rules. During the year under review Sri S.R.Iyengar, Draftsman of the Department resigned his post and as the place became permanently vacant, necessary action has been taken to advertise the vacancy.

2. Inspection of Monuments and study of Architecture and Sculpture and Ancient Sites.

Tours were undertaken for the annual and periodical inspection of the protected monuments and ancient sites by the Director and his assistants in the various parts of the State. The activities of the Department were mainly concentrated as during the previous year, on the study of the conservation needs of the large number of protected ancient monuments of the State. As the condition of many of these protected monuments was not satisfactory they were found to be in need of immediate attention. Consequently, as many as forty monuments were examined by the Director and the conservation staff of the Department during the year under report. In most cases estimates of cost for urgent repairs or renovation forwarded by the Officers of the Public Works Department and the Muzrai Authorities had to be scrutinised keeping in view the actual needs of the monuments from

the point of view of archaeological conservation. As far as possible suggestions have been made for effecting repairs to the monuments in the order of urgency the main consideration being the safety of the structure as well as the availability of funds. The detailed notes prepared in connection with each monument were promptly forwarded to the custodian in charge of the monuments for taking timely action to remedy the defects noticed. More than a dozen estimates of cost amounting to about a lakh of rupees received through the Muzrai Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners of Districts or the Public Works Department were returned duly countersigned during the year. Among the monuments thus inspected mention may be made of the Jyotirmahesvarasvami temple at Saligrama, Divyalingesvarasvami temple at Haradanahalli, Isvara temple at Arsikere and Mallikarjuna temple at Basral. A special estimate for urgent repairs to the Vidyasankara temple at Sringeri for Rs.10,000/- was also scrutinised. Other monuments of great archaeological importance and architectural beauty inspected during the year that deserve to be noticed are the Arkesvara temple at Hale Alur, Ramesvara temple at Narasamangala, Amaranarayana and Bhimesvara temples at Kaivara, Hariharesvarasvami temple at Harihar, Isvara temple at Anekonda, Lakshminarayana temple at Hosaholalu, Madhavarayasvami temple at Bellur and the Nagesvara and Channakesava temples at Mosale. The Arkesvara temple at Hale Alur and Ramesvara temple at Narasamangala both of which are situated in the Chamarajanagar Taluk happen to be architecturally unique and hence attracted special attention. But since these monuments have been neglected from a long time it is necessary to attend to their repairs immediately. An exhaustive note has been prepared on the conservation needs of these works of art and forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, for taking needful action. The Kyathedevaru temple at Kyathedevarugudi Chamarajanagar Taluk, Sri Sangamesvara temple at Sindaghatta and Madhava and other temples at Tirthahalli are some of the monuments studied during the year. The temples at Tirthahalli are all small structures built of granite and probably belong to the days of the Ikkeri chiefs. The Kallesvara temple at Aralaguppe is one of the early monuments of the State dating back to Circa 10th century A.D.

The carved ceiling panels of this temple are of rare sculptural beauty. Close up views of the Nataraja panel in the middle of the ceiling of this temple were obtained. The peculiar pose and the disposal of the limbs of Nataraja have been clearly brought out in this photograph and this bas relief happens to be one of the finest among the figure sculptures in the State.

At Nekkundipet near Chintamani is an ancient site which goes back to the days of the Banas and the Nolamba Pallava period. A number of 'Viragals' or memorial stones to heroes and ancient inscriptions are lying there exposed to sun and rain in a neglected condition. The antiquities found on this ancient site are important in so far as they are among the few extant original evidences about the Bana dynasty which flourished in that part of the Kannada country. Again, near Anekal is another site belonging to about the 7th and 8th centuries A.D. Even on the surface of this site red and black-ware potsherds and pieces of iron slag could be easily picked up in large numbers. A megalithic site was also noticed at Konganahalli in the Chintamani Taluk.

An important measure concerning the future control of the protected monuments of the State was the enactment by the Union Parliament of the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and remains Act 1951. There are at present over 250 protected ancient monuments and sites in the Mysore State. Of these, 108 important monuments and eight archaeological sites have been declared by the Union Parliament to be of national importance and included in the Union List of Protected monuments (vide Notification in the Gazette of India, part ~~III~~ II, Section 2, dated the 26th May 1951 - republished in the Mysore Gazette on the 26th July 1951) while the rest ~~of~~ come under the State List. The expenditure required for the maintenance and arrangements for watch and ward of the monuments and archaeological sites of national importance will be borne by the Central Government as from 1st April 1950. As desired by the Government of India, a detailed statement showing the staff employed at present for the maintenance and upkeep of the monuments and sites of National importance was prepared and submitted to the Government.

A detailed budget estimate for 1952-53 in respect of the monuments of National importance along with the statement of expenditure incurred on the maintenance and upkeep of those monuments during 1950-51 and 1951-52 is also under preparation for being sent to the Government of India. The Director visited Karkala and Venur in the South Kanara District along with the Chairman and other members of the Gomatesvara Research Committee in connection with the study of the state of weathering of the statues of Gomatesvara at those places.

Epigraphy.

Four sets of copper plate records were received by the Department for decipherment and study. One of them belongs to the Vijayanagar rulers two to the Keladi chiefs while the other record is a grant made by the Mysore ruler Krishnaraja Vadiyar II to one Singyapperumal. New lithic records were also discovered during the year under review at Hale Alur, Horakeredevarapura, Hosaholalu, Tavarekere, Kikkere and other places.

Exhibition and Museum.

An exhibition of the antiquities pertaining to the Chitaldrug District was organised at Rangayyana Bagilu, Chitaldrug, during the visit of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, to that place. His Highness who paid a gracious visit to the Exhibition evinced keen interest in the antiquities and other exhibits displayed. As directed in G.O.No.E.5004-8/Archy.9-51-2 dated 18th September 1951, action has been taken for the organisation of a Museum of Antiquities in the Rangayyanabagilu at Chitaldrug. Orders have been placed with the Government Industrial School, Chitaldrug for the preparation of show cases and frames required for the purpose.

During July 1951, the Director accompanied the Hon'ble Prime Minister for India and the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs to Belur, Halebid and Sravanabelgola and explained the archaeological and artistic importance of the masterpieces of ancient art in those places. Sri H.L.Srivastava, Joint Director General of Archaeology in India, New Delhi, paid a visit to the State in December 1951. He was shown round the monuments at Srirangapatna, Sravanabelgola,

Belur, Halebid and on the Chamundi Hills by the Director. Dr.B.Ch. Chhabra, Government Epigraphist for India, Ootacamund, visited the Department along with the Joint Director General of Archaeology. Early in the month of January 1952, Sri R.S.Panchamukhi, Director of Kannada Research, Dharwar, visited the Department and the Archaeological Museum at Mysore and acquainted himself with the recent activities of the Department.

A select collection of photographs taken by the Department during the year was circulated among the different Departments of Archaeology situated all over India and received appreciation.

Publications.

The Guide Books to the monuments etc., at Belur, Halebid and Talkad which were got reprinted recently were made available for sale to the public. The Annual Report of the Department of Archaeology, Mysore, for the year 1946 was also got printed at the Government Branch Press, and is now ready for distribution amongst scholars and research institutions. The printing of the Tamil texts of the Supplementary volumes to the Epigraphia Carnatica ~~in~~ (Bangalore and Kolar Districts) made good progress. It is also proposed to publish the other volumes of the supplement to the Epigraphia Carnatica shortly.

Library.

About 50 new books and periodicals were acquired by the Department for purposes of reference and study. A detailed list of books etc., received through presentation and acquired by purchase is herewith appended.

Finances.

The receipts and expenditure of the Department amounted to Rs.27,204-3-0 and Rs.27,204-3-0 respectively during the year. A sum of Rs.302-3-0 was realised by the sale of the Departmental publications and photographs.

(K.Narayana Iyengar)
Ag. Director of Archaeology.

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LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN DURING 1951-52.

1.	8½ x 6½	Nataraja in Central ceiling, Kallesvara temple, Aralaguppe.
2.	"	Do. Do. (close up view).
3.	"	Daria Daulat, South-west view, Srirangapatna.
4-5 .	"	Do. Interior view, Do.
6-7.	"	Gumbaz, East view, Srirangapatna.
8-9.	"	Do. North East view, Do.
10.	"	Do. through the garden trees, North view, Srirangapatna.
11-12.	"	Mahisasuramardini, sketch, Chitaldrug Museum.
13.	6½ x 4¾	Late Dr.M.H.Krishna, Director of Archaeology, Mysore.
14-15.	8½ x 6½	Kyathedevaru, Kyathedevaragudi, Chamarajanagar Taluk.
16.	"	A viragal, near Kyathedevaragudi, Do.
17.	"	Soliga Family group.
18.	"	Joint Director General of Archaeology Group.
19-21.	6½ x 4¾	Copper plates received from T.M.Rudraah, Shimoga District.
22.	8½ x 6½	Narayana Temple, Suttur, Nanjangud Taluk.
23.	"	Gandabherunda panel.
24-25.	"	Saptamatrika Figures, Sutturamma Temple, Suttur, Do.
26.	"	Eastern gateway of the inner Fort wall, Periyapatna.
27.	"	Northern gate way, Do. Do.
28.	"	Janardhana Temple, North-west view, Do.

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RKN.4 Ag.Director of Archaeology. 24/6

LIST OF BOOKS ACQUIRED FOR THE LIBRARY OF THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN MYSORE, MYSORE, DURING THE YEAR 1951-52.

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By Purchase.

1. The Vedic Age by Majumdar and Pusalker.
2. About Maps by Peter Hood.
3. Social Evolution by Gordon Childe.
4. Religion in China by E.R.Hughes.
5. The Growth of Indian Liberalism in the 19th Century - by M.V.Krishna Rao.
6. Indian Dancing by Ram Gopal and Serozh Dadachanji.
7. Fort William - India House Correspondence by Narendra Krishna Sinha.
8. Aspects of the Social and Political System of Manusmriti by K.V.Rangaswami Iyengar
9. The Hindu Judicial System by S.Varadachariar.
10. Terracotta Figurines from Kausambi.
11. Kingdoms of Yesterday by Sri Arthur Lothian.
12. Lokopakaram edited by H.Sesha Iyengar.
13. Rattamatam edited by H.Sesha Iyengar.
14. Taxila - An illustrated account of Archaeological Excavations carried out at Taxila under the orders of the Government of India between the years 1913 and 1934 by Sir John Marshall, published by the Syndics of the Cambridge University Press - Vol.I - Structural Remains.
15. Do. Vol.II -Minor Antiquities.
16. Do. Vol.III - Plates.
17. Mahabharata by C.Rajagopalachari.
18. Somnath - The shrine Eternal by K.M.Munshi.
19. Prelude to History by K.M.Munshi.
20. The Age of Imperial Unity edited by Majumdar and Pusalker.

By Presentation and Exchange.

1. Old truths and new Horizons.
2. That Man Thomson by R.H.Thomson,
3. A Balance of power for peace by Ferdinand Eberstadt.
4. Round the Museum by Sathyaprakash.
5. English-Sanskrit-Hindi Dictionary by Prof.Dr.Raghuvira.
6. Papers of the Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, Vol.17 - No.3, Flint Quarries - The sources of Tools and at the same time, the factories of American Indian.

7. Papers of the Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, Vol.~~XXx~~ 32 - No.2, Masks as Agents of Social control in North-east Liberia by George W.Harley.

8. Do. Vol.40 - No.2, Some Sex beliefs and practices in a Navaho community by Flora L.Bailey.

9. Mysore State (Kannada) 1952.

10. Mysore State (English) 1952.

11. Twelve years of Kannada Research in Bombay State 1939 to 1951. by R.S.Panchamukhi.

12. Munku Timmana Kagga, by D.V.Gundappa.

13. Journal of the Bihar Research Society, Vol.36 - Parts 3-4 and Vol.37 - parts 1-2.

14. Annals of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Vol.31- parts 1 to 4.

15. The Indian Historical Quarterly, Vol.26 - No.4, and Vol.27 -Nos.1 & 3.

16. The Quarterly Journal of the Mythic Society, Vol.40,Nos.3-4 and Vol.41, No.1.

17. Annual Report of the Prince of Wales Museum of Western India, for the year 1949-50.

18. The Adyar Library Bulletin, Vo.14 - part 4 and vol.15 - parts 1,2.

19. Journal of Sri Venkatesvara Oriental Institute, Vol.II-No.2 and vol.12 - No.1.

20. The Poona Orientalist, Vol.14 - Nos.1 to 4.

21. Journal of the Oriental Institute, Baroda, Vol.I - Nos.1, 2.

22. Half-yearly Journal of the Mysore University, Vol.11-No.2-Sec.A & B.
Vol.12-No.1 " A & B.
Vol.12-No.2. " A.

23. Britain To-day No.180, April 1951 and No.181, May 1951.

24. Commonwealth To-Day, Nos.1 to 9.

25. Saranasahitya, Vol.14 - Nos.1 to 11.

26. Prabuddha Karnataka, Vol.33 - Nos.1,2.

27. Journal of the Telugu Academy Vol.39 - No.4-6.

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Ag.Director ~~of Archaeology~~. 28/8/52

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

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(M.H.Parthasarathy)
For L.S.G.Secretary to Government.

To

The Director of Archaeology in Mysore,
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